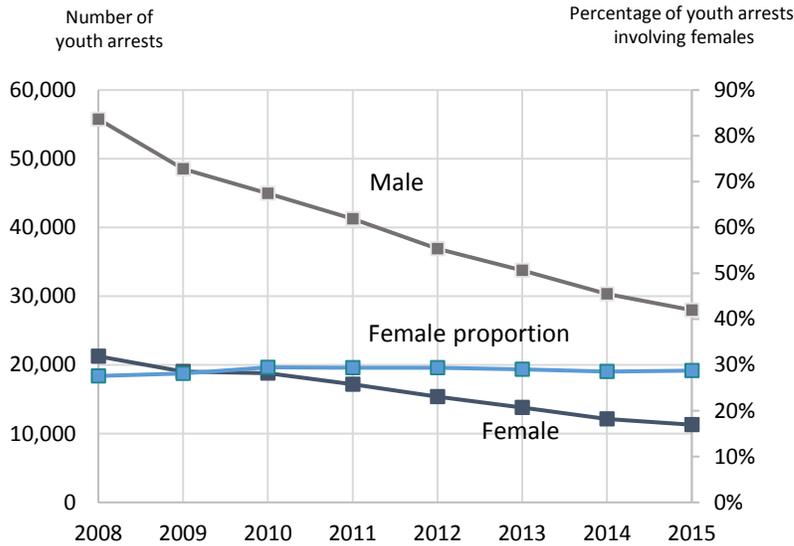


# Spotlight on Females in the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System

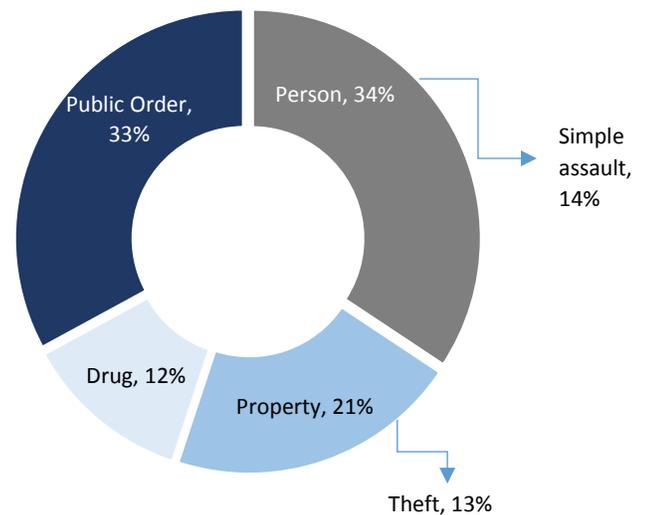
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Following the larger relative decline in arrests of males, the percent of arrests involving females has grown slightly.



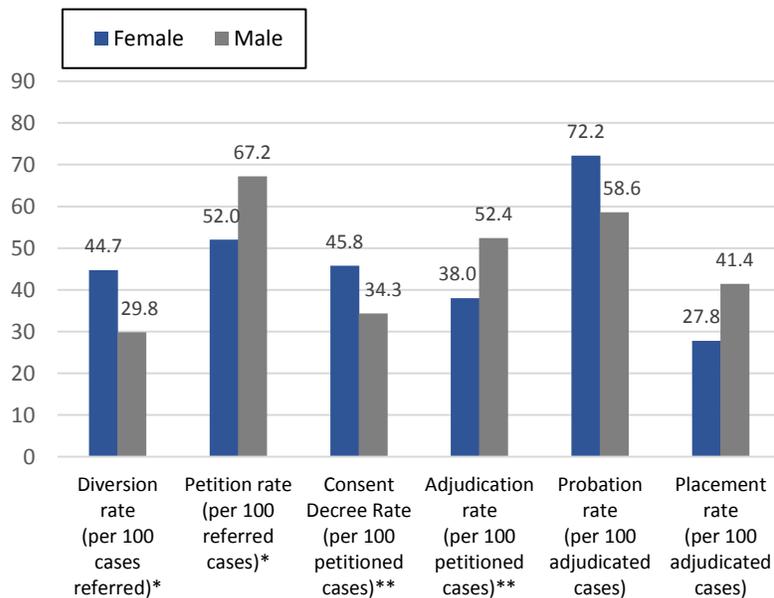
Youth arrest trends, 2008-2015  
Source: Pennsylvania State Police

Females were most likely to have committed person offenses and public order offenses.



Offense profile of female delinquency cases, 2015  
Source: Juvenile Court Judges' Commission

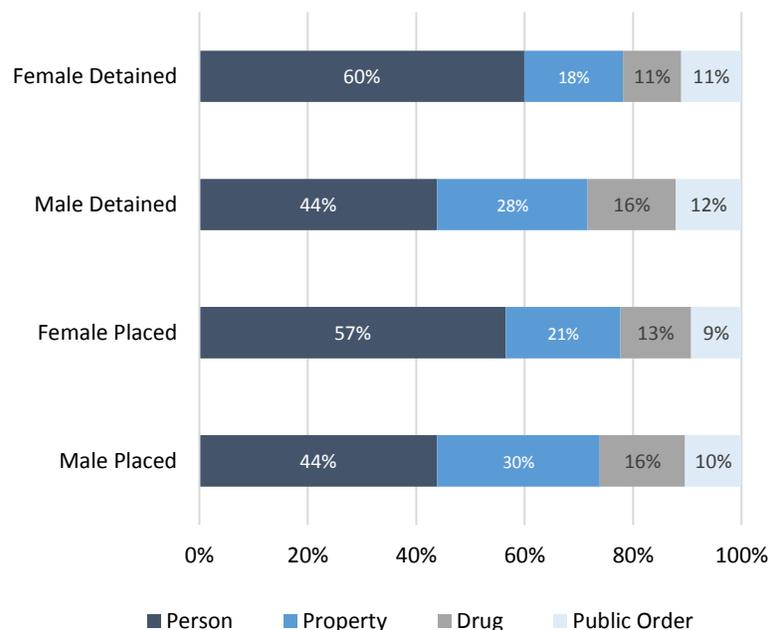
Delinquency cases involving females were more likely to be diverted or receive a consent decree than cases involving males.



\*Approximately 3% of allegations were withdrawn.  
\*\*Approximately 16% of females' petitions and 13% of males' petitions were dismissed or withdrawn.

Pennsylvania delinquency case processing rates, 2015  
Source: Juvenile Court Judges' Commission

Females were more likely than males to be detained and placed for person offenses.



Pennsylvania profile of offenders in detention and placement, 2015  
Source: Juvenile Court Judges' Commission